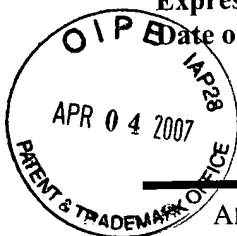


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the April 18, 2006 Final Office Action and the Advisory Action mailed on November 13, 2006 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before April 18, 2007. A check in the amount of \$795.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311** Ref. No. **27353-501 UTIL**. Please address all correspondence to Customer Number **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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